

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Replace Islay Creek Non-Potable Water Tank

LOCATION: Montaña de Oro Bay State Park

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace the existing 10,000 gallon steel water tank that occupies the hill adjacent to and immediately south of the Spooner Ranch House and Islay Creek Campground facility with two 5,000 gallon poly tanks, each 7 foot tall and 12 feet in diameter. The existing metal tank is corroded, non-functional, and leaking. The installation of the replacement poly tanks will provide water for fire suppression activities. Removal of the existing steel tank will consist of cutting it into sections using handheld equipment and loading the scrap steel onto a trailer pulled by a rubber-tracked, crawler, tractor for hauling offsite, and trucking to a recycling facility. Access to the site will be over an existing trail corridor and off-trail for the last 600 feet through coastal sage and grassland. The remaining 600 foot access route will be flagged, mowed, and pruned to a width of 6 feet under supervision of a DPR qualified biologist to ensure minimal disturbance to habitat. There are no known sensitive plant or animal species in the planned access route. Site preparation will consist of clearing brush from the tank location in a 60 foot perimeter and placing 6 inches of compacted sand above grade in plastic wood forms, each 14 foot square, to create a suitable base for the tanks. The replacement poly tanks will then be connected to an existing underground outflow pipe by digging a 15 foot trench, 3 feet deep and 12 inches wide, placing 15 feet of new outflow pipe in the trench, and backfilling.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Luis Obispo Coast District

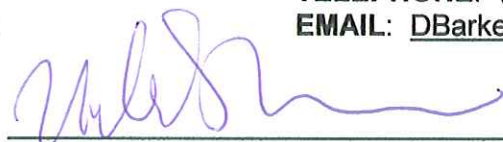
EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 2, 4 Sections: 15302, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced and the minor public alterations in the conditions of land, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes.

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